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PART I - SUMMARY

DANANG, THE SECOND-LARGEST CITY IN VIET-NAM AND THE GVN'S LAST  
REMAINING ENCLAVE IN MR-1, FELL TO THE COMMUNISTS MARCH 30. WITH  
THE FALL OF MR-1 WENT LARGE NUMBERS OF THE 1ST, 2ND, AND 3D ARVN  
DIVISIONS AND THE MR1 TERRITORIALS. THE GVN SUCCESSFULLY EVACUATED

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8000 MEMBERS OF THE MARINE DIVISION, BUT COULD GET OUT ONLY 8000

MEMBERS OF ALL OTHER MR-1 UNITS. EQUIPMENT AND SUPPLY LOSSES WERE ALSO HEAVY. THE SITUATION IS CRITICAL IN MR-2. NVA FORCES HAVE CONTINUED THEIR GAINS, AND HAVE REDUCED TO INEFFECTIVENESS THE 41ST AND 42D REGTS OF THE 22D DIVISION IN BINH DINH AND THE 3D AIRBORNE BRIGADE. THE REMNANTS OF THE AIRBORNE BRIGADE ARE POISED AS A BLOCKING FORCE NORTH OF NHA TRANG, AND NVA TANKS ARE MOVING SOUTH ON ROUTE 1 TOWARD NHA TRANG. AT THE END OF THE REPORTING PERIOD, THE 40TH REGT OF THE 22D DIVISION AND SOME TERRITORIALS WERE THE ONLY REMAINING marginally effective TROOPS IN THE REGION. MR-2 HEADQUARTERS HAS BEEN MOVED FROM NHA TRANG TO AN UNIDENTIFIED LOCATION, AND THE FALL OF NHA TRANG AND THE REMAINDER OF MR-2 IS IMMINENT. THE U.S. CONSULATE GENERAL IN NHA TRANG HAS BEEN EVACUATED. THE MAJOR ACTIVITY IN MR-3 CENTERED AROUND THE DISTRICT TOWN OF CHON THANH IN SOUTHERN BINH LONG, WHERE SIX RANGER AND FOUR RF BNS HAVE THROWN BACK REPEATED ATTACKS BY THE 273D NVA REGT, INFLECTING HEAVY CASUALTIES ON THE COMMUNISTS IN THE PROCESS. THE NVA OVERRAN THE NEW DISTRICT HEADQUARTERS OF BINH KHANH IN EASTERN LONG KHANH AND SEVERAL OPS ALONG ROUTE 1 IN THE AREA. HOWEVER, AT WEEK'S END, GVN FORCES TOOK THE INITIATIVE IN THIS AREA AND WERE PUSHING TO REOPEN ROUTE 1. PRESSURE IN TAY NINH DIMINISHED DURING THE WEEK. ACTIVITY DECLINED IN MR-4 THROUGHOUT THE WEEK, PARTICULARLY IN THE LOWER DELTA. THERE WAS NO MAJOR MCUTARY ACTIVITY IN THE REGION.

PART II - FPJMT, TPJMC AND RELATED MATTERS.

THE DRV/"PRG" BOYCOTT OF THE FPJMT AND THE TPJMC CONTINUED INTO ITS FORTY-FIRST WEEK.

PART III -- COMMUNIST COMMENT.

1. THE COMMUNISTS CLAIMED TO HAVE "LIBERATED" A TOTAL OF TWELVE PROVINCES IN THEIR CURRENT DRIVE SOUTHWARD, AS OF APRIL 1. IN ADDITION TO NUMEROUS LIBERATION RADIO BROADCASTS OF ONGOING FIGHTING, VARIOUS LOCAL COMMUNIST ORGANIZATIONS IN THE PROVINCES UNDER ATTACK HAVE ISSUED CALLS FOR POPULAR UPRISINGS AND MUTINIES AMONG GOVERNMENT TROOPS AND CIVIL SERVANTS. THE PROPAGANDA WAR REGARDING REFUGEES CONTINUED UNABATED, PARTICULARLY STRESSING THE ALLEGATION THAT THE POPULATION IS BEING FORCED TO FLEE WITH EVACUATING GVN FORCES. LURID DESCRIPTIONS OF CONDITIONS ALONG

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EVACUATION ROUTES AND IN REFUGEE CENTERS HAVE BEEN CONTRASTED WITH LYRICAL REPORTS OF LIFE IN THE "LIBERATED" ZONES.

2. THE "PRG" HAS ISSUED SEVERAL OFFICIAL STATEMENTS WHICH HAVE RECEIVED CONSIDERABLE REPLAY IN COMMUNIST MEDIA. A "PRG" STATEMENT OF MARCH 25 OFFERED A COMPREHENSIVE CALL FOR DEFECTIONS AND COOPERATION FROM SEVEN CATEGORIES OF PEOPLE CONNECTED IN SOME WAY WITH THE GVN. A MARCH 28 COMMUNIQUE OF A CONFERENCE OF THE

"ADVISORY COUNCIL" AND THE "PRG" WELCOMED NEWS OF RECENT VICTORIES, DISCUSSED "URGENT MEASURES" FOR NORMALIZING LIFE IN THE "VAST AREAS NEWLY RECOVERED" AND CALLED FOR "EVEN GREATER AND MORE RESOUNDING VICTORIES." ON MARCH 29, A JOINT APPEAL BY THE NLF CENTRAL COMMITTEE AND "PRG" FOCUSED ON URGING THE POPULATION IN GVN-HELD AREAS TO STAGE UPRISINGS OR TO DEFECT. A "PRG" SPOKESMAN" ON MARCH 30 DENOUNCED THE ARRIVAL OF US AND OTHER SHIPS OFF DANANG TO EVACUATE STRANDED REFUGEES. PLAF COMMAND COMMUNIQUE WERE ISSUED TO ANNOUNCE OFFICIALLY THE CONQUEST OF HUE AND DANANG.

3. RADIO HANOI HAS REMAINED CONTENT MERELY TO ECHO AND ELABORATE ON LIBERATION RADIO'S NEWS REPORTING, AND HANOI NEWSPAPERS ARE FILLED WITH PHOTO STORIES ON THE WAR IN THE SOUTH. ONLY ONE MAJOR DRV FIGURE HAS PUBLICLY COMMENTED ON THE SITUATION TO DATE. XUAN THUY, VWP CENTRAL COMMITTEE SECRETARY AND FORMER PARIS NEGOTIATOR, BROADCAST A RECORDED SPEECH MARCH 29 EXPRESSING CONFIDENCE THAT "THE VIETNAMESE PEOPLE...WILL ULTIMATELY WIN COMPLETE VICTORY," BUT AT THE SAME TIME URGING HIS AUDIENCE TO "HEIGHTEN VIGILANCE" AND TO REALIZE THAT THE "STRUGGLE" WILL CONTINUE TO BE DIFFICULT, COMPLEX AND PROTRACTED, INVOLVING MANY HARDSHIPS." HE WENT ON TO URGE THAT THE PRESENT MOOD OF "JOY AND ENTHUSIASM" BE APPLIED TO DOMESTIC ACTIVITIES, INCLUDING "OVERFULFILLMENT OF THE 1975 STATE PLAN."

PART IV - ICCS.

ALL DELEGATIONS HAVE EVACUATED ALL ICCS SITES AND ARE NOW LOCATED IN THE THREE REGIONAL HEADQUARTERS: BIEN HOA, MY THO AND CAN THO. DECISION WAS MADE BY ALL FOUR DELEGATIONS APRIL 2 TO EVACUATE MY THO AND CAN THO. IN ORDER TO AVOID PROBLEMS WHICH MAY OCCUR DUE TO THE RELOCATION OF REFUGEES FROM THE NORTH IN THE AREA OF THESE TWO CITIES. ALL DELEGATIONS ARE PLANNING TO REDUCE THE SIZE OF THEIR DELEGATIONS IN THE NEAR FUTURE LEAVING  
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PART FIVE MR THREE

1. MILITARY ACTIVITY IN MR3 SLACKENED DURING THE WEEK AS NVA/VC ATTACKS DIMINISHED IN NUMBER AND INTENSITY. THE ONLY MAJOR ACTION WAS AT CHON THANH IN SOUTHERN BINH LONG PROVINCE WHERE THE NVA/VC ATTACKED THE SIX RANGER AND FOUR RF BNS. IN EASTERN LONG KHANH AND WESTERN BINH TUY, THE NVA/VC OVERRAN SEVERAL SMALL RF OUTPOSTS ALONG ROUTE 1 AND THE NRE BINH KHANH DISTRICT HQS AT RUNG LA RESETTLEMENT SITE. PRESSURE IN TAY NINH PROVINCE WAS DIMINISHED WITH INDICATIONS THAT SOME MAJOR NVA UNITS WERE BEING REDEPLOYED. PROVINCE CHIEFS IN TAY NINH, PHUOC TUY, AND LONG KHANH WERE REPLACED DURING THE REPORTING PERIOD.

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2. THE LEVEL OF MILITARY ACTIVITY DROPPED SIGNIFICANTLY THIS WEEK WITH 255 INCIDENTS, COMPARED WITH 365 LAST WEEK. TAY NINH RECORDED 82 INCIDENTS (116 LAST WEEK) AND LONG KHANH HAD 54 (79). MR3 HQS REPORTED 63 GROUND CONTACTS, 143 ATTACKS BY FIRE, AND 13 COMBINED GROUND AND ABF'S.

3. NVA/VC FIRED 4,910 ABF ROUNDS (5,163 THE PREVIOUS WEEK). THIS

TOTAL INCLUDED 3,167 MORTAR, 204 ROCKET, AND 1,539 ARTILLERY ROUNDS. ARVN ARTILLERY EXPENDED 31,907 ROUNDS (47,825 LAST WEEK) WHICH IS 92 PERCENT ABOVE MR3'S NORMAL ALLOCATION. VNAF 3RD AIR DIV FLEW 189 FIXED-WING SORTIES AND 417 HELICOPTER GUNSHIP MISSIONS.

4. GVN CASUALTIES WERE REPORTED AS 84 KIA, 411 WIA, AND 10 MIA. NVA/VC LOSSES WERE REPORTED AS 714 KIA, FIVE CIA, AND NO RALLIERS. VNAF REPORTED AN ADDITIONAL 254 NVA/VC KILLED BY AIR.

5. THE MAIN ACTIVITY IN MR3 DURING THE REPORTING PERIOD OCCURRED IN SOUTHERN BINH LONG PROVINCE. ON MARCH 26, 27, 28, AND 31 THE 273RD NVA REGT, SUPPORTED BY TANKS AND OVER 3,600 ROUNDS OF ARTILLERY AND MORTAR FIRE, CONTINUED THEIR ATTEMPTS TO OVERRUN THE SIX RANGER AND FOUR RF BNS AT CHON THANH ON ROUTE 13. THE DEFENDERS, SUPPORTED BY VNAF AIR STRIKES, HAVE SUCCESSFULLY HELD THEIR GROUND AND INFLICTED HEAVY CASUALTIES ON THE ATTACKING FORCE. TOTAL NVA LOSSES SINCE THE ATTACKS IN CHON THANH BEGAN ON MARCH 24 HAVE SO FAR BEEN REPORTED AS 325 KILLED AND TWO CAPTURED WITH 27 TANKS DESTROYED. THE RANGERS LOST A REPORTED 21 KILLED AND 117 WOUNDED.

6. IN WESTERN MR3, ATTACKS AGAINST ARVN POSITIONS IN SOUTHEASTERN TAY NINH PROVINCE SLACKENED IN NUMBER AND INTENSITY AS GVN FORCES SO FAR HAVE SUCCESSFULLY REPULSED THE ATTEMPT TO TAKE OVER OR SOLATE TAY NINH CITY. ROUTE 22 REMAINED OPEN TO MILITARY TRAFFIC EXCEPT ON MARCH 25 AND OVERNIGHT. ON MARCH 26 AFTER THE NVA/VC ROUTED THE TRA VO RF OUTPOST, VNAF AND GVN ARTILLERY THWARTED AN NVA EFFORT TO CROSS THE VAM CO DONG RIVER TO REINFORCE TRA VO IN THIS ACTION. ALONG LTL-26, GVN FORCES REOCCUPIED TRUONG MIT HAMLET SEVEN KMS NORTHWEST OF KHIEM HANH ON MARCH 25. THROUGHOUT THE WEEK, NVA/VC FORCES SHELLLED GVN POSITIONS SURROUNDING TAY NINH CITY AND GO DAU HA ALONG QL 22. ON MARCH 29, COL BUI DAC TAI, ACTING PROVINCE CHIEF OF TAY NINH, REPLACED COL  
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TRAN VAN TY WHO HAS RECENTLY BEEN ILL.

7. MEANTIME, MR3 HQS IS WATCHING A PROBABLE BUILDUP OF NVA/VC FORCES WEST OF THE VAM CO DONG IN HAU NGHIA AND LONG AN PROVINCES.

8. IN EASTERN MR3, NVA/VC ATTACKS CONTINUED THIS WEEK, AIMED AT GOVERNMENT POSITIONS ALONG QL 1 IN LONG KHANH AND BINH TUY PROVINCES. ON MARCH 26, RUNG LA RESETTLEMENT SITE AND THE RECENTLY CREATED BINH KHANH DISTRICT CAPTIAL IN EASTERN LONG KHANH, WERE OVERRUN BY NVA/VC FORCES. A NUMBER OF GVN OUTPOSTS ALONG QL 1 IN BINH TUY PROVINCE WERE ATTACKED DURING THE WEEK AND ONE OUTPOST NEAR THE LONG KHANH/BINH TUY BORDER FELL ON MARCH 29. TWELVE KMS SW OF XUAN LOC, CAM TAN VILLAGE WAS OVERRUN ON MARCH 28. ON MARCH 31, ARVN TROOPS BEGAN AN OPERATION TO TRY TO CLEAR ROUTE 1 EAST OF XUAN LOC. ON APRIL 1, COL PHAM VAN PHUC, FORMER PROVINCE

CHIEF OF BINH LONG, REPLACED LTC LE ANH NGUYET AS PROVINCE CHIEF OF LONG KHANH PROVINCE.

9. BIEN HOA AIR BASE WAS ROCKETED FIVE DAYS THIS WEEK WITH A TOTAL OF 14 122MM ROCKETS IMPACTING INSIDE THE AIR BASE. NO DAMAGE OR CASUALTIES WERE REPORTED. ON SUNDAY, MARCH 30, VNAF BEGAN USING A-1 BOMBERS AGAIN AFTER A SEVEN-MONTH CURTAILMENT. A-1 AIRCRAFT WILL BE USED INITIALLY TO TRY TO MAINTAIN A SECURITY BELT AROUND BIEN HOA AIR BASE INCLUDING ROCKET LAUNCH SITES. THE 3RD AIR DIV HAS TAKEN ADDITIONAL MEASURES, SUCH AS L-19 AND GUNSHIP PATROLS, TO IMPROVE SECURITY AROUND THE AIR BASE.

10. IN PHUOC TUY PROVINCE, LTC NGUYEN BUI SON WAS REPLACED BY COL PHAM NGOC LAN AS PROVINCE CHIEF.

11. ICCS ACTIVITY: NO OBSERVATIONS WERE CONDUCTED IN ICCS REGION V DURING THE REPORTING PERIOD. ON MARCH 28 THE INDONESIANS WITHDREW THEIR REPRESENTATIVE FROM THE ICCS TEAM SITES AT TAN AN AND VUNG TAU. WHEN THE INDONESIANS WITHDREW THEIR REPRESENTATIVE FROM THE VUNG TAU SITE, THE POLES, HUNGARIANS, AND IRANIANS FOLLOWED SUIT AND, ON MARCH 31, THE VUNG TAU ICCS TEAM SITE WAS CLOSED. TAN AN IS NOW THE LAST FUNCTIONING SUBREGIONAL TEAM SITE IN MR3. REPRESENTATIVES OF THE IRANIAN AND HUNGARIAN DELEGATIONS ARE STILL PRESENT THERE. ON MARCH 28, THE INDONESIAN DELEGATION REDUCED THEIR PERSONNEL STRENGTH TO FIVE AT BIEN HOA HQS. THEY EXPECT TO COMPLETELY WITHDRAW FROM ICCS REGIONV BY APRIL 4.

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PART SIX MR FOUR

1. MILITARY SITUATION: (A) OVERALL SECURITY: DELTA MILITARY ACTIVITY DECLINED THROUGHOUT THE WEEK, PARTICULARLY IN THE THE SOUTHERN DELTA. MR4 STAFF EXPECTS INCREASED ACTIVITY IN VERY NEAR FUTURE, PARTICULARLY BY ELEMENTS OF 5TH NVA DIVISION NOW MOVING TOWARD NORTHERN DINH TUONG PROVINCE AND PRTH NVA DIVISION NOW REPORTEDLY ATTEMPTING TO INFILTRATE CAN THO OUTER DEFENSE PERIMETER. OTHER UNITS ALSO EXPECTED TO INCREASE ACTIVITY IN SUPPORTIVE ROLE. CORPS REPORTS 405 NVA/VC-INITIATED INCIDENTS (642 LAST WEEK) CONSISTING OF 38 GROUND ATTACKS (82), 2 INFILTRATIONS (3), 228 ATTACKS BY FIRE (392), 81 HARASSMENTS

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(97), 8 SABOTAGE (19), 46 TERRORIST INCIDENTS (48) AND 2 BETRAYALS (ONE). GVN CASUALTIES DROPPED TO 132 KIA (211), 631 WIA (966), 37 MIA (154) AND 3 CREW-SERVED (18) AND 113 INDIVIDUAL (565) WEAPONS LOST. CORPS CLAIMS 617 NVA/VC KILLED (984), 59 PRISONERS AND SUSPECTS CAPTURED (69), AND 1W CREW-SERVED (28) AND 149 INDIVIDUAL (211) WEAPONS SEIZED.

(B)WNORTHERN DELTA: IN KIEN TUONG PROVINCE, NVA/VC-INITIATED INCIDENTS DECLINED TO THE LOWEST LEVEL SINCE DECEMBER, WHILE GVN FORCES LAUNCHED SUCCESSFUL OPERATIONS AGAINST NVA FORWARD SUPPLY BASES REOCCUPYING AREAS ALONG THE VAN CO TAY RIVER NEAR RECENTLY LOST BA THANG MIN OB AND ALONG THE CUNG CANAL NEAR ANOTHER RECENTLY ABANDONED OB. ROUTE 29 WAS OPEN THROUGHOUT THE WEEK AND THE POPULATION OF MOC HOA HAS REMAINED STABLE. E-1 REGIMENT/ 5TH NVA DIVISION WAS REPORTED LATE IN THE PERIOD TO BE MOVING

SOUTH ALONG MR-3/MR-4 BOUNDARY WITH POSSIBLE MISSION OF ATTEMPTING TO INTERDICT HIGHWAY 4. SITUATION IN KIEN PHONG PROVINCE UNCHANGED EXCEPT FOR EASING OF NVA/VC PRESSURE IN MY AN (D). SECTOR EXPECTS RENEWED ACTIVITY THERE IN NEAR FUTURE. THREE RF OB'S AND ONE PF OB WERE OVERRUN WITH LIGHT GVN CASUALTIES. TWO WERE IN MY AN (D), ONE IN KIEN VAU (D) AND THE FOURTH IN THE CAI CAI CANAL AREA OF HONG NGU (D). THE ONLY OTHER OB IN THE CAI CAI AREA HAS ALSO BEEN UNDER STRONG PRESSURE. IN DINH TUONG PROVINCE, ACTIVITY INCREASED SLIGHTLY BUT CONSISTED MOSTLY OF ABF'S, HARASSMENTS AND SMALL CONTACTS. THE ONLY MAJOR INCIDENT WAS AN RF CONTACT APPROX 7 KM NORTH OF MY THO IN WHICH 14 RF WERE KILLED, 28 WOUNDED AND 5 MISSING. ACTIVITY IN CHAU DOC PROVINCE CONSISTED MOSTLY OF INCONSEQUENTIAL SHELLINGS. ONE PF PLATOON POSITION ON THE MAINHCEKONG CHANNEL NEAR THE CAMBODIA BORDER WAS SHELLLED 3 TIMES WITH TOTAL 94 MORTAR ROUNDS BUT SUFFERED NO CASUALTIES.

(C) CENTRAL DELTA: KIEN HOA PROVINCE REMAINED RELATIVELY QUIET AND SECTOR REMAINS CONFIDENT OF MEETING THREAT FROM NVA/VC FORCES PRESENTLY IN PROVINCE. ONLY SIGNIFICANT GROUND ATTACK WAS AGAINST A HAMLET OFFICE IN WESTERN GIONG TROM (D) RESULTING IN A HAMLET CHIEF AND PF KIA AND 13 PSDF MIA. BEN TRE RECEIVED ONE MORTAR ROUND WHICH KILLED ONE CIVILIAN AND WOUNDED THREE OTHERS. VINH BINH PROVINCE WAS VERY QUIET WITH NO GROUND ATTACKS AND LIGHT CASUALTIES ON BOTH SIDES. SITUATION IN VINH LONG PROVINCE STABILIZED FOLLOWING RF REINFORCEMENT OF CHO LACH (D) WHICH PER-  
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MITTED REOCCUPATION OF TAN THIEN (V). A UNIT OF DONG THAP I REGIMENT IS BELIEVED TO BE LOCATED IN QUOI THIEN (V), AN ISLAND ADJACENT TO KIEN HOA PROVINCE FROM WHICH NEARLY ALL GVN POSITIONS WERE ELIMINATED BY RECENT ATTACKS. MOST CIVILIANS HAVE LEFT TAM BINH DISTRICT TOWN IN EXPECTATION OF ATTACKS BY D-3 REGIMENT. IN PHONG DINH PROVINCE, TERRITORIAL FORCES AND ARVN UNITS HAVE HAD NUMEROUS SMALL CONTACTS ON A BROAD ARC AROUND CAN THO FROM APPROX 15 KM WEST OF THE CITY TO THE SOUTHWEST AND SOUTH. ALL CONTACTS WERE SMALL AS NEITHER SIDE APPEARED TO AGGRESSIVELY SEEK THE OTHER. 21ST DIVISION COMMANDER EXPECTS NVA/VC TO BREAK INTO SMALL GROUPS TO INFILTRATE THROUGH OUTER CITY DEFENSE AND DOES NOT BELIEVE HIS UNITS CAN PREVENT THEM FROM DOING SO. AT END OF PERIOD, SOME NVA/VC UNITS WERE REPORTED TO HAVE INFILTRATED OUTER SECURITY BELT AND WERE TRYING TO MOVE INTO POSITION TO CONDUCT ABF OR SAPPER ATTACKS AGAINST BINH THUY AIRFIELD. KIEN GIANG PROVINCE REMAINS QUIET WITH ONLY 2 GROUND ATTACKS REPORTED, BOTH REPULSED. ONE WAS SOUTH OF HIEU LE DISTRICT TOWN WHERE AN RF BATTALION CP WAS ALSO SHELLLED REPEATEDLY; THE OTHER WAS AGAINST A VILLAGE HQ IN NORTHERN KIEN THANH (D). TWO BUSES HIT MINES ON ROUTE 8A TO HA TIEN WOUNDING 9 CIVILIANS, BUT HA TIEN (D) ITSELF WAS VERY QUIET.



(D) SOUTHERN DELTA: ACTIVITY IN BA XUYEN PROVINCE CONTINUED TO DECLINE WITH TERRORIST ACTS BEING THE MOST SIGNIFICANT INCIDENTS. 9 GVN OFFICIALS AND THEIR RELATIVES WERE ABDUCTED AS WELL AS 6 OTHER CIVILIANS. A GRENADE WAS THROWN IN A CAMBODIAN PAGODA KILLING 5 AND WOUNDING 31. ONE OB WAS OVERRUN IN CENTRAL NGA NAM (D) WITH 4 RF KIA, 9 WIA AND 5 MIA. BAC LIEU PROVINCE WAS QUIET WITH NO SIGNIFICANT ACTIVITY REPORTED. S-2 BELIEVES LULL DUE IN PART TO HEAVY CASUALTIES SUSTAINED BY BAC LIEU I BATTALION IN RECENT FIGHTING. FOR THE THIRD CONSECUTIVE WEEK, NO GVN OUTPOSTS IN BAC LIEU WERE OVERRUN. CHUONG THIEN PROVINCE WAS QUIET DUE TO ABSENCE OF MAIN FORCE UNITS OF BOTH SIDES FROM THE PROVINCE. IN AN XUYEN PROVINCE, SONG ONG DOC AND DAM DOI DISTRICT HQ'S WERE SHELLED AND DAM DOI CAME UNDER A GROUND ATTACK WHICH WAS REPULSED WITH LIGHT CASUALTIES. VNAF HELICOPTERS HAVE REPORTEDLY NOT FLOWN INTO DAM DOI SINCE MARCH 26 DUE TO HEAVY GROUND FIRE. ON THE EDGE OF THE U MINH FOREST IN THOI BINH (D), AN OB WAS HEAVILY MORTARED AND OVERRUN, BUT RETAKEN TWO DAYS LATER. MARTIN

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